



TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

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TEAM TRANSPORTATION



The Driving Force Behind Student Success

Route Services



LINK IN DESCRIPTION FOR
BUS ROUTE
INFORMATION

2023-2024 School Year

- 40 Special Needs Routes
- 163 General Education Routes
- 203 Total Routes
- 2,373,538 Total Miles

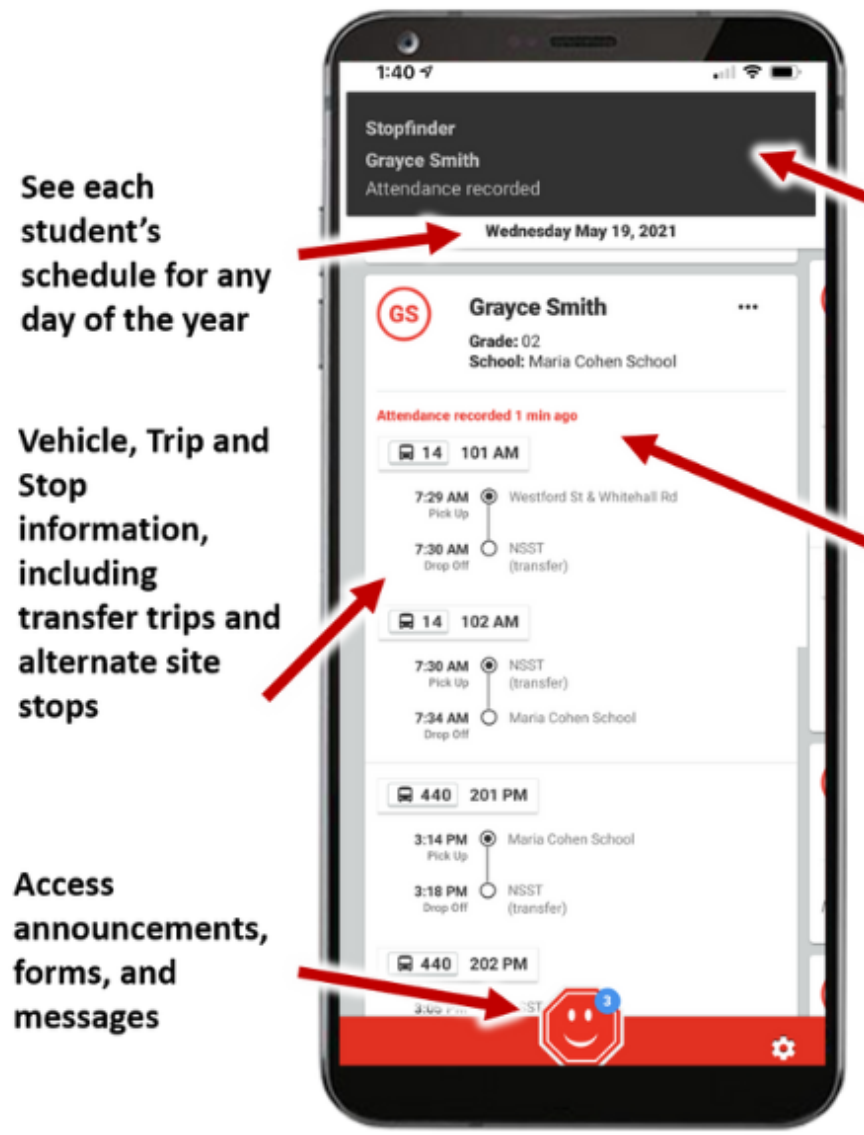
2024-2025 School Year as of today

- 36 Special Needs Routes Currently
- 130 General Education Routes Currently
- 166 Total Routes
- 2,096,107 Total Projected Miles

STOPFINDER Parent App/ Student Badges



- Start Using the App Today**
1. Activate your subscription
 - An invitation email will be sent from the Transportation Department
 2. Install the Stopfinder app
 3. View your student's schedule & share your student's schedule with caregivers
 4. Create GeoAlerts & receive attendance notifications
 5. Easily and securely communicate with your Transportation Department



See each student's schedule for any day of the year

Receive real-time notifications for attendance and GeoAlerts

Vehicle, Trip and Stop information, including transfer trips and alternate site stops

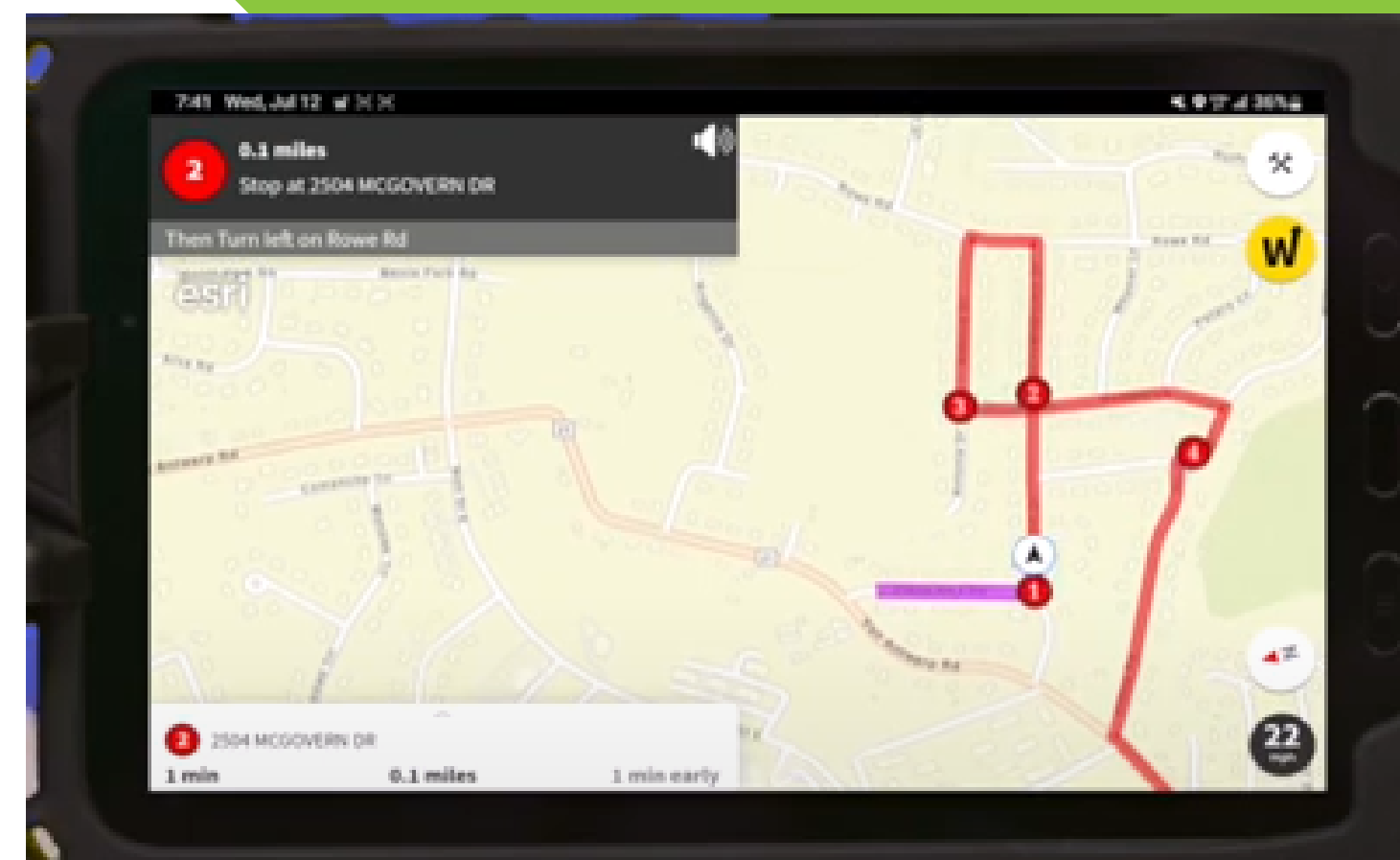
View previous notifications for attendance and GeoAlerts on each student's card

Access announcements, forms, and messages



Student Badge Schedule Implementation

- **High School - October 21, 2024.**
- **Junior High School - November 11, 2024.**
- **Elementary - January 13, 2025.**



What Does it Take to Drive A School Bus in Texas?

School bus drivers are held to a higher standard of conduct than average citizens, and there are specific laws that govern the conduct of school bus drivers.

- Obtain a Commercial Learner Permit (CLP), and a DOT physical.
- Complete an approved Entry Level Driver Training Program (ELDT) and successfully complete the Behind the Wheel training.
- Schedule and pass a road/skills test from an approved TX DPS CDL Examiner/ or at a 3rd Party Facility.
- Enroll and complete the 20-hour school bus driver safety training class and be certified in school bus safety education (completed a 20-hour School Bus Safety Certification Course - ESC Region 4)
- Pass an annual mental and physical exam required by Texas DPS; obtain through employer or DOT certified doctor
- Maintain an acceptable driving record in accordance with the Texas school bus driving record evaluation;
- Be free of felony or misdemeanor convictions for a crime involving moral turpitude (conduct that is considered contrary to community standards of justice, honesty, or good morals).

Driving Excellence Training & Testing Highlights

DID YOU KNOW?

The GCCISD Transportation Department has been a State of Texas DPS approved 3rd Party facility for training and testing since February 2022.

This means our bus drivers can be trained and tested on-site to receive their CDL and other requirements.

Additionally, we have established two MOUs with neighboring districts, with a third agreement expected, providing them access to our state-of-the-art testing facilities.

2022-2023

1 MOU With Surrounding District

83 GC Drivers Trained and Tested
18 Coaches Trained and Tested
1 Neighboring Districts – BTW only

2023-2024

2 MOU With Surrounding District

107 GC Drivers Trained and Tested
12 Coaches Trained and Tested
18 Neighboring Districts – BTW only

2024-2025
(July 1st – Present)

2 MOU & Future MOU Expected

48 GC Drivers Trained and Tested
9 Coaches Trained and Tested
12 Neighboring Districts – BTW only



FIELD TRIPS

WHY?

- *To provide students with educational experiences outside the classroom with real-world learning.*
- *To enhance academic performance, especially in subjects like science, art, and history.*

Data Driven Facts

2023-2024

- *Transportation covered 3357 field trips*
- *Travelled approximately over 100,000 miles.*

2024-2025 (July 1 to Jan 11, 2025)

- *Transportation has covered 10141*
- *Travelled approximately 25000 mile*





- **23/24 School Year**
 - 4506 Completed Bus Work Orders
- **24/25 School Year**
 - 1314 Completed as of 10/31 Bus Work Orders
- **Fuel Purchased**
 - 23 – 24
 - 417,047 gallons
 - 24 - 25
 - 210,529 gallons

SHOP Facts!



QUESTIONS?

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